

: When the Ice is Melting –
The Nexus between Environment and Peace

Public Evening Event

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THE TOPIC

The Arctic and Antarctica iceshield is melting at a rapid pace, thus endangering not only the livelihood of animals and humans living there. The melting of the poles represents the ongoing destruction of the natural livelihoods through mankind. Human intervention in nature and the environment is strikingly visible: forests being destroyed, large swaths of land converted. Even the impacts of extreme weather events, such as hurricanes, floods and drought, and the forest fires caused by an overheating climate can be seen from afar. From this perspective, it is clear that the predatory exploitation of our natural environment is putting not only the climate but the bases of our own survival at risk. Conflicts are looming over increasingly scarce resources, and in every region of the world, the rise in the number and frequency of extreme weather events is forcing people out of their homes.

Given the overexploitation of natural resources, what can be done to safeguard the survival and wellbeing of all humankind now and in future? What kind of policies are needed from the global to the local level to prevent violent clashes over resources or conflicts over the destruction of habitats? What can each and every one of us do to ensure that future generations have access to sufficient resources? And what role is there for the scientific community, for example in supporting lower resource consumption or providing early warning of environmental change?

PROGRAMME

CHAIR

Alexandra Gerlach
Freelance Journalist, Meissen

19.00 HRS MUSICAL PRELUDE

19.05 HRS WELCOME

Reverend Sebastian Feydt
Chair of the Managing Board, Frauenkirche Foundation, Dresden
19.10 HRS  OPENING ADDRESS

Michael Kretschmer
Minister-President of the Free State of Saxony, Dresden
Deputy Chair of the Board of Trustees of the
Development and Peace Foundation (sef:)

19.20 HRS  WELCOMING ADDRESS

Dr Maria Flachsbarth MP
Parliamentary State Secretary
Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Bonn,
Member of the Board of Trustees of the
Development and Peace Foundation (sef:)

19.30 HRS  KEYNOTE –
REFLECTIONS ON A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Arved Fuchs
Expedition leader and Researcher, Bad Bramstedt

19.50 HRS  PANEL DISCUSSION

Dr Adriana E. Abdenur
Coordinator of the Peace & Security Division
Instituto Igarapé, Rio de Janeiro

Dr Elias T. Ayuk
Member of the International Resource Panel
Former Director of the
UN University Institute for Natural Resources in Africa, Accra

Arved Fuchs

20.45 HRS  MUSICAL FAREWELL

Organist: Markus Leidenberger
Musical Director
Evangelican Lutheran Church of Saxony
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Adriana Erthal Abdenur
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Mobility of Labour versus Capital: A Global Governance Perspective
Stuart Rosewarne & Nicola Piper
March 2019; 25 pages

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